

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ **Enclosed**
- i. ☒ **Amendment/Reply**
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**


- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$810.00 and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384.**
- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (One Month) 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

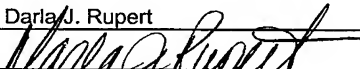
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